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RECORDING
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Please amend the specification by replacing the fifth paragraph on page 11, with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up version showing the changes is attached hereto.

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--The HAT table depicted in Fig. 5 contains for each piece or VOB (VOBU#1 to VOBUn) of the bitstream to be recorded or of the recorded bitstream a corresponding absolute or delta time duration entry $\Delta\text{DUR}\#1$ to $\Delta\text{DUR}\#n$. DAV denotes a desired address or target address in the bitstream. VOBUn to VOBUn each concern a constant number of bits of the bitstream.--

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please add the following claims:

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7. Device for recording a bitstream on a storage medium or for replaying a bitstream from a storage medium, wherein for addressing pieces of said bitstream an address table (HAT) is used that assigns time information to said pieces, and wherein each of said pieces includes a constant number of bits arranged in data packets, said device including: